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## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
December 15, YANGTZE, British steamer, 814, Schulte, Shanghai 11th December, General.—SUNSEN & Co.  
December 15, CORINTH, British steamer, 1,660, Anderson London 21st October, and Singapore 6th December, General.—RUSSELL & Co.  
December 15, CERTON, American bark, 635, R. Cachon Honolulu 14th November.—CHINESE.  
December 15, HAIKONG, British steamer, 277, Wylio, Swatow 14th December, Sugar and General.—DODHES & LARAIN & Co.  
December 15, MINNERA, German brig, 319, P. Dubno, Amoy 13th December, Boana, CAPTAIN.  
CLEARANCES.  
AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE, 17TH DECEMBER.  
Mongul, British str., for Swatow.  
Plainsmiller, British str., for Nagasaki.  
Gorda, German str., for Hooch.  
Duke of Abercorn, British ship, for Chittagong.

## DEPARTURES.

December 15, AIA, British steamer, for Singapore.  
December 15, MENZALEH, French steamer, for Yokohama.  
December 15, DANSE, British str., for Swatow.  
December 15, YANETZER, British steamer, for Whampoa.  
December 15, MELBOURNE, French steamer, for Europe.  
December 15, GRATITUDE, British steamer, for Hioo.  
December 15, SALTIE, French str., for Haiphong.  
December 15, PHOTOS, German str., for Saigon.  
December 15, ACTIV, Danish str., for Haiphong.  
December 15, NAMAIMO, British bark, for Victoria, B.C.  
December 15, AMOV, British str., for Shanghai.  
December 15, VENICE, British str., for Singapore.  
PASSENGERS.  
ARRIVED.  
Per Yangtze, str., from Shanghai.—Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Stark, and 33 Chinese.  
Per Hastings, str., from Swatow.—Mr. Russell, and 83 Chinese.  
Per Muzza, str., from Amoy.—Capt. T. Brana, and 3 Chinese.  
DEPARTED.  
Per Melbourne, str., from Hongkong.—For Saigon.—Miss M. Beaumont, Messrs. Turin, J. Velour, Le Gour, Dr. Scine, Dr. T. J. M. de la Motte, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. D. Port, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Irwin, Miss Jones, Miss Wheler, Miss M. Huchins, Messrs. J. Hargrave, A. J. Routhridge, McCullough, and A. Meyer, and 3 Chinese.—For Cobourne.—Messrs. J. Werry and Chun, and Miss Anna Bellair, and 3 Chinese.—For Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Silve, Mr. and Mrs. C. Grabe, Messrs. J. Dupuis, John Forster, F. de Noy, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Collier.—Mr. W. M. Matherne, and 3 Chinese.—Mr. de F. F. Fumagalli, For Marseilles.—Mr. W. van Mittersheim, For Marseilles.—Messrs. L. Weisbecker, T. Nakahama, S. Kitazumi, T. Oda, and C. Ishikawa, From Kobe.—For Marseilles.—Mr. Shin.

REPORTS.  
The British steamer *Hibdon* reports left Swatow on the 14th instant, and had fine clear weather and moderate N. and N.W. winds. In Swatow str. Albow, Japanese, and Swatow.  
The British steamer *Cornwall* reports left London on the 21st October, and Singapore on the 6th instant. Experienced strong N.E. monsoon with very high sea, between lat. 15 N. to 20 N. and long. 115 to 118 E, blowing a heavy gale with very high seas from Singapore to port.

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FOR SALE.  
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A CHINA PONY, an excellent Hack, Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, 14th December, 1883. [2290]

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Hongkong, 14 July, 1883. [1894]

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PEALINES A LA ROSE,  
COMFITS, and SUGARED ALMONDS in great  
Variety,  
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CRYSTALLIZED APRICOTS, STRAWBERRIES,  
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MINT FEVVERS,  
CARAIBAD and ETIAS PLUMS.  
A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 25th November, 1885.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 16TH, 1885.

The question of the introduction of railways into China, which has aroused so much discussion, kindled so many hopes, and given rise to so many speculations and conjectures, is still in the domain of doubt. The Board of Revenue blocks the way for the time being, and not all the combined forces of the progressivists can overcome the obstacles to the introduction of the iron way unless and until this Board can be brought to recognize its necessity. For the present all railway projects are clearly in abeyance, and of all the eager crowd of engineers, capitalists, and manufacturers not one will be able to obtain any concession or order until the financial part of the question has been solved to the satisfaction of the controllers of the revenue. There would seem, however, according to the *Shanghai Morning Contemporary*, to be some plan in abeyance at Peking quite independent of all outside inspiration or assistance. This writer says that the final decision to the construction of local railways—presumably from Tientsin to Tung-chow—has only been deferred until Sir Roger Hart has matured a scheme for establishing a railway administration of which he is to have the superintendence. If this statement be correct—and it bears the impress of probability—there is a good prospect of railways being eventually started in the Central Kingdom under excellent auspices, with a guarantee for their efficient construction and competent management when laid. The Imperial Maritime Customs Service has proved such a splendid success under Sir Horace Hart's admirable supervision, that the Chinese Government may with reason conclude that the Inspector-General will be able, if requested, to organize and perfect a Railway Administration Service with equal satisfaction alike to himself and to the people. The most enlightened members of the mandarinate have emphatically declared in favour of the introduction of this great reforming agent, and, as the friends of the railway represent most of the virility, resolution, and perseverance in the ranks of Chinese officialdom, the issue of the contest—if there yet be one to be fought on the subject—cannot be doubtful. The railway has been recognized as a political necessity; its forerunner, the telegraph, has proved of signal advantage to the authorities; and the desirability of improved means of transport was convincingly demonstrated during the Franco-Chinese troubles. It is therefore obvious that, though the construction of railways may be deferred for a year or two, the Chinese Authorities are gradually making up their minds to adopt an innovation which they know must ultimately lead to changes of national importance when once introduced.

This telegram received from Chinese sources on Monday, although rather vague as to facts, seems pretty clearly to indicate the bursting of another political storm in Korea. The wording of the telegram as translated for us was undecided, but it seemed to bear the following interpretation. That an outbreak or revolution had again broken out in Korea, that the Japanese man-of-war had intervened, and that the Koreans had been fired upon by the Japanese. It is impossible that a Japanese gunboat could ascend the river to Seoul, and then bombard the town, for the Han is not navigable for a gunboat up to the capital. The firing must, we imagine, have taken place at Inchon, or Chonju, as it is more frequently called. However that may be, there is too much reason to fear that some old difficulties have been reopened, and that some fresh misunderstanding between China and Japan will be the result. Seriously enough a correspondent of the *N. O. Daily News*, writing under date of Tientsin, last inst., appears to have had a premonition of trouble. He says:—“According to all accounts, a good deal of dissatisfaction, and even irritation, is felt at Seoul, owing to the Chinese Envoy being, accompanied by soldiers on his arrival, apparently in violation of the Ito Convention, and also in consequence of China thereby endeavouring to acquire a pre-emptive influence in the peninsula. This mistaken policy on the part of China may cause trouble, for which the Court of Peking will only have itself to blame.” In the absence of more definite information, we are of course unable to judge whether and to what extent the alleged hostile demonstration by the Japanese man-of-war will involve Japan in a dispute with China. In the presence of a common enemy, Russia, these two nations were believed the other day to have buried the hatchet, and it will be a matter for profound regret if, through pragmatical interference on one side or rash precipitancy on the other, new ground for contention should have been created between them.

A telegram was received in Shanghai on the 10th inst. from the North to the effect that the *Feijo* was quite open.

There will be another Volunteer Shooting Concert at Head-quarters this evening—the third one of the present season. A well varied programme has been prepared, and doubtless those who attend will be again afforded a capital evening's amusement.

The steamer *Chinchas Castle* came up to Shanghai on the 10th inst. after sticking on the Bar from the previous day. As also was drawing fourteen inches more than there was water, she had to discharge a considerable quantity of her cargo. This operation was completed at 100 p.m.

In a letter to the Secretary of State for India the Worcester Chamber of Commerce urge upon His Majesty's Government the opportunity of considering the present opportunity of opening up to our commerce the markets of China and Indo-China and the contraction either by guarantee or by a branch line of railway to the Siamese frontier.

Early on Wednesday morning, the 8th inst., the *Daily News*, while a gentleman and his daughter were en route from friend to friend in Quinsay Road, were stopped by three Chinese, who demanded money from them, asking for 33. The gentle man, however, bargained with the man, and they left him going on paying one dollar.

(N. C. Daily News) regret to hear that H. S. E. S. Diaz, Italian Minister, is to leave Shanghai next month, for a time at least. Sir Diaz, who will set off on behalf of his Government in regard to the treaty negotiations now pending between Italy and Siam. He will then go home on furlough.

In reply to the questions put by the Royal Commission on the Depression of Trade, the East India and China Trade Committee of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce has recommended that the surplus revenue of Charles Burman should be employed in public works and for the benefit of the country, and not be remitted, as at present, to Calcutta.

Singapore would seem to be a little further advanced than Hongkong in its preparations for the exhibition. The *Strait Times* of the 8th December says:—“We are informed that the Municipal Commission have granted the use of the Hall for the purpose, a proportion of the articles collected in Singapore for the Colonial Exhibition will be shown there on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next between 4 and 6 p.m. Among other things will be shown an admirable collection made by Mr. Syed Mahmud Alisoff for the division presided over by the Hon. A. Currie, of articles of household and domestic use among Malays.”

In the press of getting out our report of the complimentary banquet to the Governor in the short time at our disposal one or two errors escaped correction in the proofs. In the early part of His Excellency's speech he said:—“The Government House is now a ‘neutral place of Government House.’” Further down, His Excellency told about the Spanish Governor should read:—“falterd out.”

Do you know the *Camorta*'s usual rate of speed?—I know nothing about it.

How long does it take you to gather way, the engines at slow, to four or five knots?—I should say between a quarter and half a mile, supposing the helm is straight.

How far would the *Camorta* go to the westward of the channel?—No, I have never seen any such.

Were there not a number of junks on the starboard side of the *Kiau*, to the south?—I could not say.

Did you see anything or take notice of anything that morning?—I noticed a good deal.

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## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY, 15th December.

EXPORT CARGOES.

American bark *Samuel D. Cudlton*, sailed on the 4th December.—For New York—7,390 rolls matting, 2036 packages fire-crackers, 1,925 packages fans, 10 boxes castor oil, 5 boxes salve oil, 50 boxes tea, 50 boxes strawiffs, 50 boxes ginger, 30 boxes brass-sticks, 2 packages merchandise, 5 packages chinaware, and 1 package seaweed.For steamship *Telemon*, sailed on the 6th December.—For London—76,139 lbs. cotton, 5,103 lbs. cotton, 2,250 lbs. carts, and 15 cases sundries. From Yokohama—138 boxes tobacco, 48 boxes curries, and 70 packages sundries. From Manila—153 cases cigars, 3,465 boxes hemp, and 26 boxes tobacco.For British steamship *Compton*, sailed on the 7th December.—For London—63,339 lbs. cotton, 52,538 lbs. sorted sugar, 124,299 lbs. beetroot orange, 65 bags waste silk, 10 boxes silk, 11 boxes blackwood ware, and 10 boxes olivehaw. 409 boxes tea, 35 packages tea, 76 boxes waste silk, 671 boxes preserves, 27 packages britannia, 50 cases yarrow, 10 cases black pepper, 150 boxes lime, 150 boxes lime, For London option—10 cases varieties.For steamship *Mixta*, sailed on the 9th December.—For Havre—153 rolls matting, 30 boxes rations, 27 cases chinaware, 10 cases essential oil, and 17 cases sundries. For Havre option—Hamburg—532 packages merchandise. For Hamburg—700 cases tea, 25 cases ginger, 350 cases star-anise, 35 boxes cotton, 157 rolls matting, 20 boxes cinnamon, and 72 boxes feathers. 20 boxes cinnamon, and 32 boxes sundries. For Hamburg option—London—20 packages rations, and 12 packages preserves. For Liverpool—10 cases essential oil. For Antwerp—16 boxes canes. From Shanghai to Hamburg—43 boxes feathers.

## OPIUM.

Quotations are—  
Malwa (New)..... \$540 per picul, slice of 24  
Malwa (Old)..... \$550 per picul, slice of 36  
Patna (New)..... \$567 to \$70 per chest  
Patna (Old)..... \$461 to \$473  
Bengal (Old)..... \$20 per nom.

## EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—  
Telegraphic Transfer..... \$441  
Bank Bills, on demand..... \$444  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight..... \$444  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight..... \$444  
Credit, at 4 months' sight..... \$451  
Demand Bills, at 4 months' sight..... \$451ON PARIS.—  
Bank Bills, on demand..... \$429  
Credit, at 4 months' sight..... \$435ON NEW YORK.—  
Bank Bills, on demand..... \$823  
Credit, 60 days' sight..... \$831ON PORT DARWIN.—  
Telegraphic Transfer..... \$224ON CALCUTTA.—  
Telegraphic Transfer..... \$224ON SHANGHAI.—  
Bank, at sight..... \$224

Private, 30 days' sight..... \$224

## SHAH.

Quotations are—  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—168 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$450 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$33 per share.

North China Insurance—\$100 per share.

Taiping Insurance Association—\$128 per share.

China Insurance Company, Limited—\$170 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—\$18 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$77 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$7 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$8 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamship Co.'s Shares—\$85 per share premium.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—\$85 per share.

China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—\$9 per cent. discount, \$100 per share.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—\$48 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$90 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$155 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$86 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company (Detentives)—1 per cent. premium nominal.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$76 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$165 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$10 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$20 per share.

Punjab and Sungai Dua, Samarai Mining Company, Limited—\$34.

Selangor Tin Mining Company—\$10 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—\$18 per share.

Hongkong Rape Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$10 per share.

Hongkong and Macao Glass Manufacturing Co., Limited—For nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A—2 per cent. premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—5 per cent. premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium.

## HONGKONG TIME-TABLE.

12 M. to 22D. DECEMBER, 1885.

H. M. WATERS.

## EXTRACT.

A MERE INTERLUDE.  
BY THOMAS HARDY,  
AUTHOR OF "FAIR FROM THE MADDENING  
CROWD,"  
"UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE," "JUNIPER  
MAJOR," "TWO ON A RIVER," &c., &c.

It was often said, and often surprised, that Baptista Trevithen was a young woman with scarcely emotions or character. There was nothing in her to love, and nothing to hate—so ran the general opinion. That she showed few positive qualities was true. The colours and tones which changing events paint on the faces of active women, kind were looked for in vain upon her. But still waters may run deep; and no crisis had come in the years of her early maidenhood to demonstrate what lay hidden within her, like metal in a mine.

She was the daughter of a small farmer in St. Mary's, one of the Scilly Isles, who had spent a large sum, as it was then understood, on her education, by sending her to the mainland for two years. At nineteen she was entered at the Training College, to Elementary Teachers, and, at twenty-one, nominated to a school in the country, near Exeter, whence she proceeded after the Christians examination and holidays.

Three months passed by from winter to spring and summer, and Baptista applied herself to her new duties as best she could, till an uneventful year had elapsed. Then an air of abstraction pervaded her bearing as she walked to and fro, twice a day, and she showed the traits of a person who had something on her mind. A widow, by name Mrs. Wace, in whose house Baptista Trevithen had been provided with a sitting-room and bedroom till the school-house should be built, noticed this change in her youthful tenant's manner, and at last ventured to press her with a few questions.

"I know I am nothing to her of," she replied. "That's why I have given up."

"No, nor the sailor." "Then it is something you have heard from home, my dear."

"I hate the profession." "Perhaps that's because I'm in it."

"Oh, no, it isn't. But I am going to enter another life together. I am going to be married next week to Mr. David Heddegan."

The young man—forbidden as he was by a natural cynical pride and passionateness—wished in this unexpected reply, notwithstanding.

"And who is the Mr. Heddegan they used to call David?"

"All old bachelor at Hugh Town, St. Mary's, with no relations whatever, who lives about a stone's throw from father's." When I was a child he used to take me on his knee and say he'd marry me some day. Now I am a woman the jest has turned严肃, and he is anxious to do it. And father and mother say I can't do better than have him."

"He's well off?"

"Yes—he's the richest man we know—as friend and neighbour."

"How much older did you say he was than yourself?"

"I didn't say. Twenty years at least."

"And an unpleasant man in the bargain perhaps?"

"No—he's not unpleasant."

"Well, child, all I can say is that I'd remit any such engagement if it's not painless to go. You are comfortable here in my little home, I hope. All the parish is yours, and I've never been so cheerful since my husband left me to wear his wings as I've been with you as my lodger."

The schoolmistress assured her laundry that she could return the sentiment. "But here comes my perplexity," she said. "I don't like helping school. Ah, you are surprised—you didn't expect it. That's because I'm concealed in feeling. Well, I simply hate school. I don't care for children—they are unpleasant, troublesome little things, whose nothing would delight so much as to hear that you had fallen dead. Yes, I would even put up with them if it was not for the insult."

"How do you mean that?"

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